

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-9, 12, 13, 25, 28, 29, 32-34 and 37-40 remain pending in the application. The Examiner has indicated that claims 1-5, 7, 13, 28, 32, 33, and 38-40 either allowed or allowable once claim objections are cured. The Examiner does not indicate whether the supplemental Amendment filed February 19, 2008 has been entered.

For this Amendment, Applicants presume that the supplemental Amendment filed on February 19, 2008 was entered. By this Amendment, Applicants amend claims 6-9, 12, 25, 28, 29, 33, 34, 38, and 39 in the manner suggested by the Examiner to overcome informal objections and rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph based on several informalities. The amendments are not intended to narrow the scope of the claims and are not being made for purposes of overcoming any prior art-based rejection. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of all outstanding objections and rejections.

The Examiner stated that claims 6, 8, 9, 12, 25, 29, and 34-37 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicants have amended these claims in the manner suggested by the Examiner. Therefore, Applicants submit that all pending claims 1-9, 12, 13, 25, 28, 29, 32-34, and 37-40 are allowable.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the above Amendment. Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees due but not submitted with this paper to Deposit Account No. 07-0153. The Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicants' Attorney for any reasons that would advance the current application to issue. Please reference Attorney Docket No. 131105-1011.

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